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SEN. GARY NODLER SUCCESSFULLY SPONSORS GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT 'TED' ESTES

JEFFERSON CITY -- Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, has successfully sponsored the gubernatorial appointment of Robert "Ted" Estes, Carthage, to the State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists.

This committee guides, advises and makes recommendations to the division and fulfills other abilities relating to the licensing of marital and family therapists.

Board members serve five years and can be reappointed one time. There are six board members, with four being marital and family therapists and two being members of the general public.

"Ted is highly qualified to serve on this board and will be an outstanding member," said Nodler. "He will bring fresh insight and a new prospective to this important committee."

For 10 years, Estes has been a school counselor/psychological examiner for the Carthage R-9 School District. He also has a private practice as a marital and family therapist and a professional counselor. Estes earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Missouri Southern State University – Joplin, a Master of Science in Counseling from Pittsburg State University, and has 48 hours of doctoral credit in counseling psychology from Oklahoma State University.

The governor makes appointments to state boards and commissions with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Senate Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments usually meets weekly during the legislative session. Their sponsoring senator presents each appointee to the committee.

Appointees must be approved by the committee and confirmed by the full Senate before taking the position on the board or the committee.